CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020
(Electronic Remote Meeting)

The Regular Meeting of the Grand Haven City Council was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Mayor Bob Monetza.

Present: Council Members Mike Dora, Ryan Cummins, Dennis Scott, Mike Fritz, and Mayor Bob Monetza.

Absent: None.

Others Present: City Manager Patrick McGinnis, City Clerk Linda L. Browand, Assistant to the City Manager Ashley Latsch, Public Works Director Derek Gajdos, Human Resources Manager Zac VanOsadol, Public Safety Director Jeff Hawke, Community Affairs Manager Char Seise, Streets & Utilities Manager Matt Wade, Finance Director Amy Bessinger, Water Treatment Plant Manager Joe VanderStel, Community Development Manager Jennifer Howland, and Neighborhood Development Coordinator Rhonda Kleyn.

MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence was led by Mayor Monetza and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

20-144 Moved by Council Member Dora, seconded by Council Member Cummins, to appoint Ben Ennenga to the Airport Board with a term ending June 30, 2025; Joyce Workman to the Main Street Downtown Development Authority with a term ending June 30, 2024; and Justin Forrest to the Historic Conservation District Commission with a term ending June 30, 2023. This motion carried unanimously.

REAPPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

20-145 Moved by Council Member Dora, seconded by Council Member Cummins, to reappoint Aaron van Baal to the Duncan Park Commission with a term ending June 30, 2025; Amy Bessinger, Linda Browand, and Patrick McGinnis to the Building Authority with terms ending June 30, 2023; Andy Cawthon, Jamie Cooper, and Terry Stevens to the Musical Fountain Committee with terms ending June 30, 2024; Angela Tran to the Human
Relations Commission as a student representative with a term ending June 30, 2021; Louann Werksma to the Human Relations Commission with a term ending June 30, 2023; Bob Monetza to the Harbor Transit Multi-Modal Transportation System with a term ending June 30, 2023; Burton Brooks to the Loutit District Library Board with a term ending June 30, 2023; Cara Galbavi and Carolyn Taylor to the Main Street Downtown Development Authority with terms ending June 30, 2024; David Skelly, Robert Grimes, and Ryan Galligan to the Planning Commission with terms ending June 30, 2023; and Field Reichardt and Jerry Klukos to the Zoning Board of Appeals with terms ending June 30, 2023. This motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDAS

20-146 Moved by Council Member Dora, seconded by Council Member Fritz, to approve the consent and regular agendas, as amended. This motion carried unanimously.

The start time for the serving of alcohol and food for the Fraternal Order of the Eagles was corrected to read 1:00 p.m., not 5:00 p.m.

The ending time for the serving of alcohol and food for the Hiway Inn was corrected to read 11:00 p.m., not 1:00 a.m.

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Mayor Monetza made a call to the audience, allowing audience members to address Council on any issue.

New Boards & Commissions members Ben Ennenga and Joyce Workman thanked council for the opportunity to serve.

Ms. Frances Johnson, 625 Lake Ave, called in to state that she had noticed a lot of noise with vehicle engines, unsafe driving, and a lot of trash around town. The noise ordinance should be enforced. She also noted that the culture at the City beach was not family-friendly.

Mr. Brian Butts, Charter Captain, stated the charter captains were concerned about their rates being charged this year. They felt they should not have to pay for docks when they were not able to use them.
CONSENT AGENDA

20-147    Moved by Council Member Fritz, seconded by Council Member Scott, to approve Council Electronic Remote Meeting minutes of the Special Meeting and Regular Meeting of June 1, 2020. This motion carried unanimously.

20-148    Moved by Council Member Fritz, seconded by Council Member Scott, to approve the bills memo in the amount of $566,400.17. This motion carried unanimously. (Attachment A)

20-149    Moved by Council Member Fritz, seconded by Council Member Scott, to approve a vote for Judy Maike to serve on the Board of the Michigan Township Participating Plan Board of Directors representing Zone 5. This motion carried unanimously.

20-150    Moved by Council Member Fritz, seconded by Council Member Scott, to accept a grant award agreement for the 2020 Downtown Flower Project in the amount of $7,000 from the William H. Young and Dorothy Young Mixer Field of Interest Fund of the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. This motion carried unanimously.

20-151    Moved by Council Member Fritz, seconded by Council Member Scott, to approve a policy renewal for property and liability insurance coverage through the Par Plan administered by Municipal Underwriters of Michigan, Inc. in the amount of $173,477 for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2020. This motion carried unanimously.

20-152    Moved by Council Member Fritz, seconded by Council Member Scott, to approve a temporary use permit application for a smoothie hut, tables, and chairs from June 15, 2020 to October 4, 2020 at 233 Washington Avenue (Sherwood Forest). This motion carried unanimously.

20-153    Moved by Council Member Fritz, seconded by Council Member Scott, to approve a temporary use permit application from Artisan of Grand Haven to have tables and chairs and serve food from June 15, 2020 to October 31, 2020 at 1320 Washington Avenue from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. This motion carried unanimously.

20-154    Moved by Council Member Fritz, seconded by Council Member Scott, to approve a temporary use permit application from Fraternal Order of the Eagles, allowing outdoor food and alcohol service from June 8, 2020 to October 31, 2020 from 1:00 pm to 11:00 pm at 20 N. 2nd Street. This motion carried unanimously.
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20-155 Moved by Council Member Fritz, seconded by Council Member Scott, to approve a temporary use permit application from Hiway Inn, to have tables and chairs and to serve food and alcoholic beverages from June 12, 2020 to September 12, 2020 from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm at 600 S Beechtree Street. This motion carried unanimously.

20-156 Moved by Council Member Fritz, seconded by Council Member Scott, to approve a temporary use permit application for Tip-A-Few/Wessel’s Parking lot to have tables and chairs and food and alcohol from June 15, 2020 to October 31, 2020 at 102 S Harbor from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. This motion carried unanimously.

20-157 Moved by Council Member Fritz, seconded by Council Member Scott, to approve the outdoor uses of public space for the following businesses, as approved by City staff, consistent with a resolution passed by City Council on June 1, 2020: Stanz Café, JW’s Food and Spirits, DeeLite Restaurant, Kirby Grill, Long Road Distillers, Mr. Kozaks, Electric Hero, Surf Shop, Odd Side Ales, Grand Armory, and Sporty’s. This motion carried unanimously.

After Council discussion, it was agreed that the latest the temporary uses could be used would be 11:00 p.m. and this information would be added to the application form.

20-158 Moved by Council Member Fritz, seconded by Council Member Scott, to approve a Contractor Services Agreement with Asphalt Paving, Inc., Muskegon, Michigan, in the amount of $55,410 for the resurfacing of the 600 block of Grant Avenue due to a water main break and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. This motion carried unanimously.

20-159 Moved by Council Member Fritz, seconded by Council Member Scott, to approve the purchase of a 5-ton dump truck in the not-to-exceed price of $90,449.18 from West Michigan International, Wyoming, Michigan, for the truck chassis and $65,998.00 from Truck and Trailer Specialties, Dutton, Michigan, for the dump body and hydraulic system. This motion carried unanimously.

20-160 Moved by Council Member Fritz, seconded by Council Member Scott, to approve the purchase of a new sewer cleaner vacuum truck in the not-to-exceed price of $448,587.04 from Jack Doheny Company, Northville, Michigan. This motion carried unanimously.

20-161 Moved by Council Member Fritz, seconded by Council Member Scott, to approve the low bid and contractor services agreement with Asphalt Restoration, Inc., Kalamazoo, Michigan, in the amount of $17,221.80 for the 2020/21 Over Band Crack Sealing.
Maintenance program and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. This motion carried unanimously.

20-162 Moved by Council Member Fritz, seconded by Council Member Scott, to approve the low bid and contractor services agreement with Brown Concrete, Muskegon, Michigan, in the amount of $57,500 for the City’s annual concrete sidewalk and ramp replacement project in designated areas and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. This motion carried unanimously.

20-163 Moved by Council Member Fritz, seconded by Council Member Scott, to approve Change Order Request #2 proposal from Prein and Newhof to increase the original contract price from $224,000 to $254,000, which is an increase of $30,000, to have DeWind Well Drilling, Inc., Zeeland, Michigan, remove and abandon the additional retired shoreline well (total of 5 wells) from the Grand Haven State Park and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. This motion carried unanimously.

20-164 Moved by Council Member Fritz, seconded by Council Member Scott, to approve the proposal from Prein and Newhof, Muskegon, Michigan, in the amount of $22,500 to provide a sonar survey of the lake bottom at the water intakes and Grand River bottom at the north shore transmission main crossing and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. This motion carried unanimously.

20-165 Moved by Council Member Fritz, seconded by Council Member Scott, to approve a special assessment at 1411 Columbus Avenue for an On Bill Finance project to replace the sewer line from the house to the sewer main in the roadway and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. This motion carried unanimously.

20-166 Moved by Council Member Fritz, seconded by Council Member Scott, to adopt the MERS Employer Resolution Establishing Uniform Transfer Provision and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. This motion carried unanimously.

20-167 Moved by Council Member Fritz, seconded by Council Member Scott, to approve the retaining of Grant Pecor of Barnes & Thornberg, Grand Rapids, Michigan, to provide attorney services related to Harbor Transit legal interpretations and related activity. This motion carried unanimously.
NEW BUSINESS

20-168 Moved by Council Member Scott, seconded by Council Member Dora, to approve FY 2019/20 budget amendments for the City of Grand Haven and the Sewer Authority. The City of Grand Haven adjustments include a net increase in revenue to the General Fund, decrease in expenditures for Major and Local Streets, and increase in expenditure for the Public Improvement Fund, and net zero change for a debt fund. For the Sewer Authority there is a net zero change for total expenditures. This motion carried unanimously.

City Manager McGinnis noted that the Preservation Fund had over $20,000 in donations that could be used for reimbursement for legal fees incurred by Duncan Park.

20-169 Moved by Council Member Dora, seconded by Council Member Cummins, to approve the request of the Chinook Pier Charter Captain’s Association to make accommodations to their licensing fees due to the COVID-19 stay home order by extending the due date for payments by 30 days in 2020 and require only a $4,000 total fee with no refund to assist with cash flow concerns. This motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that the captains might be able to apply for an EDC loan.

20-170 Moved by Council Member Cummins, seconded by Council Member Scott, to adjust the Municipal Employees’ Retirement System (MERS) of Michigan Defined Benefit Plan non-union (Division 1) employee and employer contribution rate to be a 50/50 split between the employee and employer to bridge the 2.25% pension multiplier to 1.75% and to cap the employee contribution at 17%, effective July 1, 2020 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. This motion carried unanimously.

20-171 Moved by Council Member Cummins, seconded by Council Member Fritz, to approve the agreement between the City of Grand Haven and the Michigan Municipal League to complete waterfront redevelopment planning in the summer/fall of 2020 using the services of Williams & Works with funding from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation ($50,000) and the City General and Chinook Pier Funds ($11,580) and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. This motion carried unanimously.

Council hoped for quality community input and feedback. They looked forward to seeing redevelopment options for this area. Council Members Dora and Cummins would sit on the steering committee.
REPORTS BY CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Cummins attended the Justice for Racial Justice and Equality demonstration that was very well attended. The Human Relations Commission, Momentum Center, and Loutit Library would be holding a virtual town hall on June 29 at 6:30 p.m. and would cover COVID-19, police, and protests. He stopped at the Depot and visited with the business owners who were very excited to be open. He thanked City staff for helping businesses with use of public space and temporary uses.

Council Member Dora attended several virtual meetings. He also went downtown and looked at the new spaces in the Depot. It was great to see local businesses taking advantage of the opportunity to expand outside. He also thanked City staff for working with the Depot tenants.

Council Member Fritz stated the Depot looked vibrant. He also noted that Stanz did a great job with their barriers and he urged other businesses to also decorate their spaces. Assistant to the City Manager Latsch and other staff had been doing a great job getting to the “new normal.” He thanked everyone for continuing to social distance. This situation was not over yet and he did not want to go backward.

Council Member Scott encouraged businesses to take advantage of the City’s help with temporary uses. He noted the demonstrations in Grand Haven were done without damage or violence.

Mayor Monetza appreciated the vitality of the outdoor dining and businesses and glad to see more businesses coming back. He attended a ribbon-cutting for the kitchen at the American Legion. He also appreciated the peaceful demonstrations.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER

New recycling carts would be delivered to Republic Waste customers by the end of the month. Larger carts would be used since recyclables would be picked up every other week. If someone did not want the large cart, there would be sites available for them to dispose of their recyclables. (In the parking lot on Columbus behind the Department of Public Safety, and the R.V. Terrill Building)
GENERAL BUSINESS/CALL TO AUDIENCE

Mayor Monetza made a call to the audience, allowing audience members to address Council on any issue.

Ms. Katelynn Keene, charter boat owner, had concerns about the charter captain contracts. Charter captains were not receiving all that they should have and feel like they are getting pushed around. She also felt they should get a refund due to the loss of time to do business caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

City Manager McGinnis received a message from a local banker that the charter businesses qualified for the Paycheck Protection Program loans.

Ms. Lillian Olson and Mr. Jarrod Hasse, Grand Haven Cycleboat, also felt there was not good communication with the City. Their business tended to be excluded from the charter boats and was not treated fairly. They did not receive a rebate that the charter boats received. They should receive the same benefits and payouts.

Mr. John Zysk called regarding his desire to receive a permit to be able to sell later than the regular ending time at the Farmer’s Market and stated the Chamber of Commerce denied his request. City Manager McGinnis stated the council members and he had received an email from Mr. Zysk earlier in the day and would get back to him later.

Charter Captain CJ Anastor called in to say that the captains actually would end up paying more per day that in previous years. He felt they were getting pushed around by the City and were not seeing any results to their complaints.

ADJOURNMENT

After hearing no further business, Mayor Monetza adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Robert Monetza, Mayor

Linda L. Browand, City Clerk
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#### Attachment A